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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--November 1985

I. GENERAL

The question of bureau staffing and language capabilities reached the decision-making point during the month when, not unexpectedly, the bureau's only monitor with Kurdish capability announced his decision to resign at the end of his current tour in late January. Loss of the Arabic/Kurdish monitor was anticipated at the time of the annual review of non-staff T/O, and as proposed in the review, the bureau has decided to recruit for an Arabic-only monitor as a replacement. Since Kurdish sources have been unmonitorable for months, a production from these sources has always been extremely limited, there is no pressing need for capability in that language. Maintaining full Arabic staffing, on the other hand, is a top priority, and a good prospective candidate has been identified with the help of London Bureau. The question of Kurdish monitoring will be reconsidered before the bureau fills the seventh position in the Arabic section.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. November started off busy for Gulf Bureau, with coverage of the annual GCC summit, this year being held in Muscat, Oman beginning on 3 November and ending 6 November. The Gulf countries' television services linked up with Muscat Television Service in Arabic to relay live the arrivals of the GCC heads of state, the opening and closing sessions of the GCC summit, and the departures of the heads of state on 6 November. The radios of the GCC states also linked up with the Voice of Cooperation Council broadcasting from Muscat. FYI's and editorial reports were prepared on the TV coverage, VSL's filed, and numerous speeches and statements carried over radio and TV processed.

2. On 15 November, the Soviet Union made its second breakthrough this year in Gulf relations when it was announced that the USSR and the UAE were establishing diplomatic relations. Oman and the USSR had taken the step during September. As in the case with Oman, the USSR was again the first to announce via media that relations had been established. Two days later a UAE paper quoted "informed sources" as saying that the UAE intends to establish relations with East European countries and it is just a "matter of time." The USSR now has relations with three of the six GCC states (Kuwait, Oman, and the UAE).

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3. Following an alert by BBC Newsburo on 25 November of "rumors" of Ayatollah Khomeyni's death, a close watch was maintained on Iranian media for any mention of Iran's leader. Special emphasis was placed on Tehran television should film be carried of the Ayatollah. On 30 November, Tehran Television Service in Persian at 1630 GMT carried a videotaped recording of a 26-minute speech by Khomeyni earlier that day to an audience, which included President Khamene'i, on the anniversary of the prophet's birthday. An FYI was prepared to alert consumers of Khomeyni's appearance. He showed no signs of ill health. A VSL also was prepared.

4. At the request of Tel Aviv Bureau, Gulf assumed daily coverage of (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian from 30 November to 16 December during their Persian monitor's leave.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Following a number of requests from RUEHSE/US SECRET SERVICE WASHINGTON DC for refiles of bureau copy (including refiles of items already refiled) claiming "non-receipt," Gulf Bureau initiated tracer action on several of the items per consultation with Chief of Communications. The tracer action remains in progress at report time.

ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. Editor [] was promoted to GSO-9 effective 10 November.

STAT 2. Communications operator [] received a PSI effective 24 November.

STAT 3. The bureau's Arabic/Kurdish monitor, [] gave notice during the month that he would not be renewing his contract once his current travel agreement expires on 25 January 1986. As a replacement, the bureau has asked London Bureau to conduct a followup interview with a good prospective Arabic monitor candidate referred to us by the BBC and tested by PMU in September.

B. Building and Grounds

The amendment of the bureau lease to incorporate the new generator/storage space was completed during the month with a projected acceptance date of 30 November. Acceptance and payment were, however, made contingent upon the landlord's completion of the new partitioning walls, and this work had not yet begun as of this writing. The landlord is being reminded of his commitment.

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VISITS

To the Bureau

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1. 18-22 November, to
conduct physicals for bureau TCN employees.

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2. Embassy RSO 1 December, to conduct a safety/security
survey.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	300,010
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	118,020
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	839

	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,794	13,740	191.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	690

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	34,120
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ENGLISH	17,520
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	200
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	1,690
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	500

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN DARI	740
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN PASHTO	210
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ	
REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI	
KURDISTAN IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI	
KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN	
IN PERSIAN	430
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHEDIN-E	
KHALQ IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	7,550
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE	
LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	4,300

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	17,330	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	790	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN TURKISH	2,940	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN DARI	870	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PASHTO	330	
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	2,700	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	16,530	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN SURANI KURDISH	260	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	2,890	
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	190	
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	1,040	
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	1,270	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN IRNA IN		
ARABIC		120
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID		
IN ARABIC		740
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI		
IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL		
IN ENGLISH		-0-
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		-0-

TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN		
PERSIAN		-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		1,510
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN		-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	600	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	760	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	

KUWAIT

KUWAIT AL-ANBA'		
IN ARABIC		1,040
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN		
ARABIC		-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS		
IN ARABIC		3,590
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM		
IN ARABIC		4,110
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN		
ARABIC		2,410
KUWAIT AL-WATAN		
IN ARABIC		3,170
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		1,800

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	5,660	
MUSCAT TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	5,460	
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,240	
MUSCAT VOICE OF COOPERATION		
COUNCIL IN ARABIC	840	
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN		
ARABIC		2,620
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I		
IN ARABIC		-0-
MUSCAT QNA IN		
ARABIC	3,380	

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM		
IN ENGLISH		2,670
KARACHI DAWN		
IN ENGLISH		6,730
KARACHI JASARAT IN		
URDU		-0-
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN		
URDU		4,130

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT		
IN URDU		3,450
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		820
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		2,540
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		2,100

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,970	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
DOHA QNA IN		
ARABIC		7,780

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	4,060	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	14,190	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	260	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
RIYADH SPA IN		
ARABIC		8,490
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN		
ARABIC		810
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC		2,080

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	130	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	2,660	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	2,580	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	

ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	120		
ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN TURKMEN	1,490		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN AZERI	4,030		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN UZBEK	4,370		
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARMENIAN	-0-		
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	4,560		
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	130		
ABU DHABI WAM			
IN ARABIC		5,400	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD			
IN ARABIC			3,840
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I			
IN ARABIC			-0-
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ			
IN ARABIC			1,720
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN			
IN ARABIC			3,130
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES			
IN ENGLISH			5,500
 UNITED KINGDOM			

LONDON AL-MAJALIS			
IN ARABIC			1,880
LONDON ASGHAR AQA			
IN PERSIAN			-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN			
PERSIAN			6,220
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC			
OF YEMEN (PDRY)			

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	16,780		
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	4,260		
ADEN ANA IN			
ARABIC		-0-	
ADEN ANA IN			
ENGLISH		-0-	
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)			

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	12,630		
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	2,290		
SANAA AL-THAWRAH			
IN ARABIC			-0-